

Scraps and Facts.

10,293,000 acres to 12,896,000; Italy has 12,528,000, an increase of 6.3 per cent; Spain 9,784,000, an increase of 1.1 per cent; Hungary has 8,622,000 last year; Rumania 4,809,000 against 5,213,000 last year; Denmark shows a slight decrease, Great Britain 8,212,000 last year; Germany 10.1 per cent increase; Switzerland 10.1 per cent increase; Japan 1 per cent decrease.

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A wonderful change for the better has come over the editorial conduct of the Columbia Record in that Editor Banks has substituted a policy of helpful kindness for the former policy of unbridled bitterness. It is a pleasure to read the Record nowadays.

The practice of England in taking American cotton consigned to other countries and paying for it is not different in principle from the well-known expedient of the detected dealer in offering to make good his stealing on condition of calling the transaction square.

The Lancaster News suggests that the proposed Sims monument should take the form of a hospital to be located at Lancaster. That is just and proper and appropriate. And the people of the state could well afford to help build that hospital.

A New York dispatch says that several of the Federal reserve banks and leading state banks of New York have taken up the matter of standardizing cotton warehouse receipts, where the same have been in the case in state supervision as in the case in South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas. The effect of this movement, if carried to its logical conclusion, will give immediate recognition to state warehouse receipts throughout the world as the most acceptable form of liquid security into which cotton can be converted.

Various kinds of war stocks, meaning shares in concerns engaged in the manufacture of munitions and the like, have become the basis of speculative frenzy on the New York exchange. Some of these stocks have advanced several hundred per cent within the past few weeks. The more conservative concerns connected with the stock exchange are advising caution in dealing with stocks of this kind, and several of them have refused to accept commitments on margin. Shares of the DuPont Powder company are worth five or six times as much as they were a few months ago.

If the United States government would guard against possible bad feeling in the south on account of England's treatment of cotton, it would do well to put through some such legislation as was proposed last winter. The thing that concerns the people of the south most in this matter, is a fair price for their cotton. They know that cotton ought to be worth fifteen cents a pound and they know also that the staple would bring that price if it could not be had for less. The government can easily valorize cotton at 15 cents if it will, and in our opinion that would be much cheaper and wiser than to leave the matter open against such complications as are likely to arise.

We are inclined to think that the principal purpose of the grand jury in trying to secure the enforcement of the law that requires county officers to inform as to their receipts by way of fees and salary, is intended to develop information as to the receipts of the clerk of the court. Most of the other county officials are paid mainly by salaries, and some of them receive fees and commissions in addition; but it is generally understood that the aggregate amounts of their respective receipts are smaller than those of the clerk of the court. The actual amount of the clerk's compensation has never been made public, notwithstanding the fact that there is public interest in the matter as it is a matter of public property. If the law had been observed heretofore, of course there would not now be any reason for curiosity on the subject. The public, of course, has a right to know how much it is paying to its public servants.

Evangelist John W. Ham, who is well known in Yorkville, is stirring things in Newbern, N. C. Some days ago he jumped on the local merchants for selling a kind of dope drink called "Liquor," and indulged in a very decided characterization of people who were low enough down to dispense such stuff. One of the local merchants replied in an article in the Newbern Journal, and stated that if the members of the church at which Mr. Ham was preaching, one of whom owned him forty dollars, would pay their debts, he could probably get along without selling dope. Mr. Ham came back with the declaration that if the merchant would give the man's name he would be glad to sue him, and that the deity was turned out of the church unless he squared the account. Somehow, we think that Mr. Ham is about right in his position; but that the incident involves "strange doctrine" is evidenced by the fact that the story is going the rounds of the papers.

Speaking last week of the practical necessity for the new Federal western district court of South Carolina, Judge Johnson said that the district is necessary in very many respects. The value of a Federal district court, he explained, depends very much on its accessibility. There is much litigation that can be disposed of in the Federal court to better advantage than in the state court; but it is very often the case that such business is neglected by reason of the time and expense involved in reaching a Federal judge. For instance, it would take a case of some little importance from a Greenville lawyer making

two or three trips to Charleston; and where frequently such cases are not taken up on this account, if they could be disposed of in Greenville they would be quite readily undertaken. Under circumstances where the district judge can make the round of Greenville, Spartanburg, Greenville and Rock Hill, the advantage of a district court is not brought to a large number of people who have heretofore been practically debarred from the same.

The intricacies of this contraband proposition are indeed puzzling. For instance, arms and ammunition are contraband. We have a right to sell to any of the belligerents all the arms and ammunition we want to sell them, provided of course, we are able to deliver the goods. The same rule can be applied to the sale of arms and ammunition to Germany, she has an undoubted right to take it if she can. Vice versa, as to Germany, Holland is neutral and has a right to sell to Germany whatever she wants to sell. Likewise she has a right to buy of the United States whatever she wants to buy. There is no provision of international law that forbids such trade. England, however, assumes to hold up shipments from this neutral country to neutral Holland, and the ground that Germany is the ultimate destination of such shipments. Of course, it is not difficult to understand why England should do this; but at the same time it will have to be admitted that there is no recognized provision of international law that justifies such proceedings. People who respect the law generally hold that if the law is to apply in one particular it must apply in every particular. We are not supposed to obey those provisions which suit our interest and ignore those provisions which are not so suitable.

Buy a Farm. About the best advice we have to offer to the ambitious young man of today who is looking forward to a comfortable and prosperous life, will be to buy a farm. Of course there are those who will smile skeptically at this suggestion, and in view of the history of the recent past, we do not blame them; but at the same time we beg even the most skeptical to take another look over the situation and study it with care, for we think we know what we are talking about, and we are not joking.

The older men and women of this country who began the battle of life about forty or fifty years ago, are better qualified by actual experience to understand what we have in mind than are the younger people who have been the beneficiaries of the faithful self-denying toil and frugality of the older men and women referred to.

Fifty years ago this country was literally poverty-stricken, and it was all it could do to produce enough provisions and clothing in one year to last to the beginning of the next year. Indeed, we venture that accurate figures show instances where it took two years' work to make a living for a single year, and this state of affairs continued for a long period.

But as the country began to gradually get its head above water, conditions grew steadily better and wealth began to accumulate steadily. Now, as everybody knows, the country is actually growing rich, and although we still have the poor among us, as we always will have, there are few adults of such small intelligence as to be unable to realize that the country is actually taking a remarkable stride in the moonwalk.

And here is the point. Only twenty years ago the average price of farm land—the actual average purchasing price—was only \$7 or \$8 an acre, and \$25 an acre for farm land anywhere was considered a fortune. It is sufficient to explain that the tremendous advance in land prices since that time has not been due to the tremendous increase in wealth.

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Church and the Liquor Traffic.

In the issue of The Enquirer for June 25, we commented on the failure of Lloyd George's efforts to control the liquor traffic in England, and charged responsibility therefor to the nobility of England and to the Church of England.

Our statement was made on the strength of newspaper dispatches; but we did not see proper to cite such dispatches as authority, or any other authority, for the reason that the statements were so completely in line with information that we had been gathering from various sources throughout a lifetime, and in the truth of which we so sincerely believe, that it is unnecessary to cite anybody would try to raise a question as to the correctness of what we had to say.

sonably satisfactory. This data is contained in a book entitled, "The Anti-Alcohol Movement in Europe," written by Ernest Gordon, and published by Fleming H. Revell company, 158 Fifth Avenue, New York, and J. B. Lippincott & Co., London. We are referring from Chapter V, page 159, after the author had reviewed the defeat of the English licensing bill of 1908, which bill would have closed thirty thousand drinking places in fourteen years.

"Lord Rosebery remarked, many years ago, that 'Unless the nation could be made to understand the interest would master the nation.' He did not explain as he could easily have done, that the great difficulty in bringing the drink interest to its knees in England as elsewhere in Europe, lies in the fact of its covert alliance with the feudal aristocracy and modern capitalism. As to this triple alliance, a fourth element is attached, and that is the sympathy of the clerical class of the state churches. Twelve hundred and fifty Anglican clergymen, for example, are themselves owners of real estate worth four hundred and seventy-two million in English rectories—wives and children of the clergy own 1,500,000 acres of land, worth 1,500,000,000 of a value of eight million dollars. Of the Anglican clergy in London every one of the 1,500 churches is a 'Prohibition has no right to prohibit,' insists the Bishop of Chester."

In notes on chapter V, on page 195 of the same authority, we find the following: "When the Scotch Liqueur bill was wrecked in the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury lined up with the brewers and distillers to bring the drink interest to its knees should go into operation from five to fourteen years. Of the two Archbishops and twenty-four Bishops in England, 190 were in sympathy with the liquor traffic. The bill designed to rivet the drink interest to the Conservative party for good and all, and the Anglican Church (members of the Evangelical Church of York and Canterbury and of both houses of the British Parliament, the Westminster, and voted to support the bill by 157 to 64. The Bishop of Rochester, speaking in its favor, said that the 'Prohibition of the liquor traffic would not put pressure on the sale of drink.' The Daily News (July 8, 1911) says: 'The liquor traffic is a national disgrace, and it is a national disgrace to have a national church which is so shamefully stained. It is a fatal blow at the moral status of a Church which has been so long a part of the national conscience. The Church has sold itself to the liquor trade. It has openly declared that it is corrupt, and it is corrupt. It is a national disgrace to have a national church which is so shamefully stained. It is a fatal blow at the moral status of a Church which has been so long a part of the national conscience. The Church has sold itself to the liquor trade. It has openly declared that it is corrupt, and it is corrupt. It is a national disgrace to have a national church which is so shamefully stained. It is a fatal blow at the moral status of a Church which has been so long a part of the national conscience. The Church has sold itself to the liquor trade. It has openly declared that it is corrupt, and it is corrupt. 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